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Transportation Committee March 8, 2013 MINUTES CMAP Offices - Cook Co. Room

Members Present: Chair Leanne Redden – RTA, Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, John Donovan – FHWA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Alicia Hanlon – Will County, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Chris Hiebert – SEWRPC, Emily Karry – Lake County, Jennifer (Sis) Killen – Cook County, Melvin Kim – DuPage County, Don Kopec – CMAP, David Kralik – Metra, Mike McLaughlin – CTA, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Jason Osborn – McHenry County, Tom Rickert - Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Joe Schofer – Northwestern University, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Peter Skosey – MPC, Kyle Smith – CNT, Stephen Sostaric – NIRPC, Jordan Snow - UIC, Mike Sullivan – Kendall County, Rocco Zucchero – ISTHA.

Members Absent: Wes Lujan– Class 1 Railroads, Mike Rogers – IEPA.

Others Present: Mike Albin, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Jennifer Becker, Samantha Bingham, Len Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Jackie Diaz, Scott Hennings, Mike Klemens, Christina Kupkowski, Aimee Lee, Chrissy Mancini, Joshua McClusky, Nicole Nutter, Ed Paesel, Alicia Pitlik, Mark Pitstick, David Seglin, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Emily Tapia-Lopez, David Tomzik, Steven Vance, Thomas Vander Woude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak, Don Wittmer.

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Ylda Capriccioso, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Jill Leary, Ross Patronsky, Gordon Smith, Kermit Wies, Drew Williams-Clark

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Leanne Redden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2013

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton and a second by Mr. Kopec, the minutes of January 18, 2013 were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

On behalf of Mr. Connelly, Ms. Redden reported that the Local Coordinating Committee met February 13, 2013 and received updates on CMAP's work with CTA and the Developing Communities Project to support the Red Line south extension and the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment being conducted by CMAP as part of the Sustainable communities Regional Planning grant from HUD. The committee also discussed the schedule for next year's call for LTA projects, which is again being coordinated with the RTA Community Planning program. Ms. Redden noted that the Regional Coordinating Committee had not met since the last Transportation Committee meeting and is scheduled to meet on March 13.

5.0 Proposed GO TO 2040 Amendment

Ms. Berry provided a brief overview of the contents of the memo included in the agenda. She noted that the memo contained a technical analysis of how the proposed Circle Interchange project aligns with the themes and recommendations of GO TO 2040. Mr. Skosey raised several concerns regarding the degree to which the project aligned with the themes and recommendations and the scale of the indicator outcomes, compared with other Major Capital projects considered at the time GO TO 2040 was developed, including projects that were not included in the fiscally constrained plan. Mr. Neufeld added concern that a \$250 million maintenance project was escalating into a \$410 million Major Capital Project and requested additional information on how the cost estimates compare to other projects and how the state plan compares with GO TO 2040. Mr. Zucchero noted that although the evaluation did not show significant incremental benefits, the sheer volume of traffic, particularly freight traffic, and high number of crashes raise the significance of need for expanding beyond reconstruction of the existing obsolete structures. Mr. McLaughlin asked if transit station upgrades to meet federal standards were included in the cost estimate. Mr. Carmitchel confirmed that they were. Mr. Kopec clarified that to meet the fiscal constraint requirement for GO TO 2040 all expected regional resources are combined, the cost of routine maintenance is taken off the top, a certain amount is allocated for the modernization of the system, and remaining resources are allocated for Major Capital Projects. He added that it isn't until individual project phases are programmed in the TIP that specific fund sources are identified and those sources are subject to constraint based on the actual available funding. Mr. Carlson noted that if the project included only reconstruction in kind, a plan amendment would not be necessary. Mr. Kopec added that due to the nonmaintenance activity, the project must be included in GO TO 2040 in order for Phase 2 Engineering and subsequent phases to be programmed in the TIP.

Mr. Skosey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neufeld, to not recommend an amendment to GO TO 2040 to include the Circle Interchange project. Following discussion on the motion,

Mr. Neufeld withdrew his second. Mr. Hann offered a second to the motion, which failed. Mr. Zucchero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel, to recommend the proposed GO TO 2040 Amendment to include the Circle Interchange for approval to the Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried.

Ms. Berry reported that due to the potential for a GO TO 2040 Amendment, a technical correction to the text describing the Prairie Parkway was also being sought. Mr. Carmitchel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rickert to recommend the updated description of the Prairie Parkway be included in the GO TO 2040 Amendment recommendation to the Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried.

6.0 FY 10-15 Transportation Improvement Program

6.1 FY10-15 TIP Amendments and Administration Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested and Attachment A has been updated to reflect MAP-21 fund sources and include FFY 13 as the selected year of the current TIP. Mr. Kopec made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rickert, to approve the FY10-15 TIP Amendments and updated Attachment A. The motion carried.

6.2 Semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment

Mr. Kos reported that no comments were received on the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity analysis or TIP amendment. Mr. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rickert, to recommend the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis & TIP amendment for approval to the Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried.

6.3 Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary Expansion

Mr. Kos reported that the Chicago Urbanized area was expanded due to the 2010 census and that following coordination with the affected counties, municipalities, Council of Mayors, IDOT, FHWA and the Tier II consultation team staff proposes that Sandwich and Somonauk townships in DeKalb County be added to CMAP's Metropolitan Planning Area. Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kopec, to recommend the updated MPA Boundary for approval to the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried.

6.4 RTA and IDOT as Designated Recipients of 5310 Funding

Mr. Kos reported that RTA and IDOT, working with affected parties, have agreed that the two entities shall be named "Designated Recipients" of 5310-Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding. A portion of the annual northeastern Illinois allocation, to be determined through the region's Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP), will be used by IDOT to purchase lift and ramp-equipped paratransit vehicles for eligible program recipients.

The RTA will be responsible for the remaining annual allocation that may be used for public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA. Mr. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel to recommend approval of endorsing RTA and IDOT as Designated Recipients of 5310 funding to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried.

6.5 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipients of Section 5307 and Section 5430 Capital and Planning Funds Mr. Kos reported that the RTA staff negotiated splits of all funding with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin, approval at the March 20, 2013 RTA Board meeting. He reported that the 5307/5340 apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN and the Round Lake Beach / McHenry / Grayslake IL/WI urbanized area are based on percentages as outlined in the agenda along with the recommended distribution to the Service Boards. Mr. Arkell requested additional details from the RTA on the procedures used to apply the formulas and also requested comments from the service boards on the process. None of the agency representatives in attendance were involved in the development of the recommended splits. Ms. Redden agreed to provide the requested information to Mr. Arkell. Mr. Kopec made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to recommend approval of the subarea allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee contingent on RTA Board approval of the allocation split. The motion carried.

7.0 RTA Strategic Plan

Ms. Lee provided an overview of the current status of the RTA Strategic Plan update, including strategies for developing the update. She distributed an overview of the results of the recent vision and goals survey. Mr. Hann asked what portion of respondents were "general public". Ms. Lee stated that the survey was conducted online and 84% of respondents were determined to be general public.

8.0 2014 Model Plans, Codes, and Ordinances project

Mr. Williams-Clark provided a brief overview of CMAP's work on developing model plans, ordinances and codes. He stated that through the municipal survey and lessons learned some topics have been identified for development in FY 2014, including Electric Vehicles and local Complete Streets policies. Several members noted a desire to pursue these topics. Additionally, form-based codes for Transit Oriented Development and planning for industrial areas were mentioned as possible topics of interest to some members. Mr. Williams-Clark requested that members provide ideas for additional topics and feedback on priorities for inclusion in CMAP's FY 2014 work plan by March 31.

9.0 University Transportation Center Proposals

Mr. Snow provided an overview of designations UIC is seeking. The designations sought are to be a University Transportation Center for Federal Region V and a participant in three

additional designations as US DOT funded Tier 1 University Transportation Centers for rail, freight and transit and requested that the committee endorse these designations. Mr. Schofer noted that Northwestern is also seeking a Tier 1 designation, but is not requesting an endorsement at this time and is not opposed to the action requested by Mr. Snow. Mr. Osborn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neufeld to endorse UIC's designations.

10.0 State Legislative Activities

Mr. Smith reported that the Governor's budget proposal includes the Metropolitan Planning and Research fund, the mechanism though which IDOT provides funding support for CMAP. Mr. Smith also reported that recently filed House Bill 1549 would compel IDOT to implement an expanded approach to performance-based programming. On February 13, the CMAP Board voted to support the general contours of this bill. He noted that the core elements of HB 1549 -- the establishment of a Technical Advisory Group, the timeline for a report in FY 2014 and implementation beginning in FY 2015, and the ongoing reporting requirements as part of IDOT's Highway Improvement Program -- all mirror CMAP's recommended next steps. Mr. Rickert noted the bill had not been discussed by the MPO Policy Committee. Mr. McClusky noted that IDOT has concerns about parity across the state and that while the timetable in the bill appears to be good for CMAP, smaller MPOs may struggle to meet the requirements of the bill. Mr. Skosey and Mr. Smith both noted the concerns and stated that this bill is a step in the right direction towards performance based funding.

11.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program and Major Capital Projects

Updated status reports on the LTA program and GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects were included in the agenda packet.

12.0 Other Business

None.

13.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong requested information regarding any plans to install sidewalks near the intersection of 159th St. and Oak Park Avenue in Tinley Park. Ms. Killen responded that Cook County staff would coordinate with IDOT and provide a response to Mr. Armstrong.

14.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2013.

15.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel, seconded by Mr. Kopec, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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Reggie Arkell***	Jennifer (Sis) Killen	Steve Schlickman
Michael Bolton	Fran Klaas	Joe Schofer
Bruce Carmitchel	Don Kopec	Peter Skosey
Lynnette Ciavarella	Wes Lujan	Kyle Smith
Michael Connelly**	Arlene J. Mulder	Chris Snyder
John Donovan***	Randy Neufeld	Steve Strains
John Fortmann	Jason Osborn	Paula Trigg
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Alicia Hanlon	Tom Rickert	Rocco Zucchero
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